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| <b>Title of Invention</b>   | <b>PICKUP TRUCK WITH LIFT ASSISTED TAILGATE SYSTEM</b> |                       |  |                 |                  |                       |  |                 |                  |                  |  |                 |                  |                 |  |                 |                  |              |  |                |                  |                   |  |                |                  |
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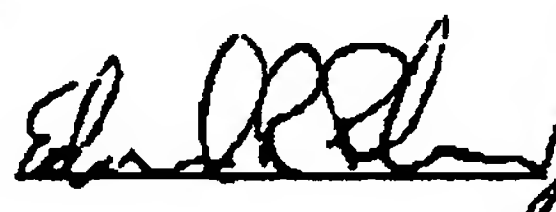
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the specification of which is attached hereto.

We have reviewed and understand the contents of the specification identified above, including the claims.

We acknowledge our duty to disclose information of which we are aware that is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Section 1.56(a), Title 37 of the Code of Federal Regulations; and as to application for patents or inventor's certificate on the invention filed in any country foreign to the United States of America, prior to this application by us or our legal representatives or assigns,

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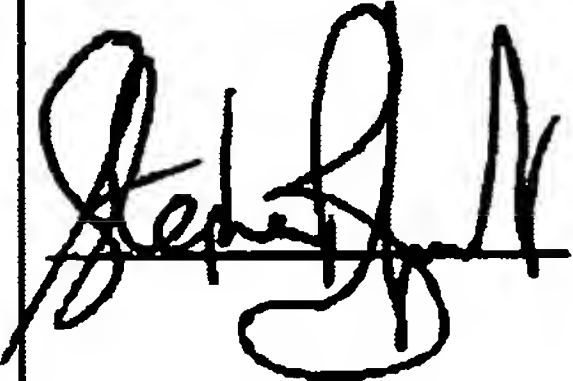
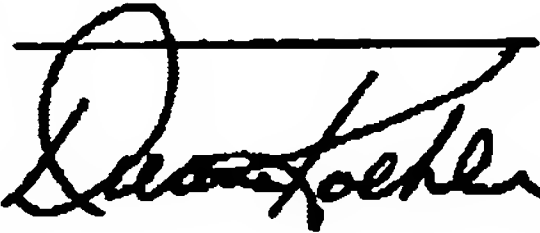
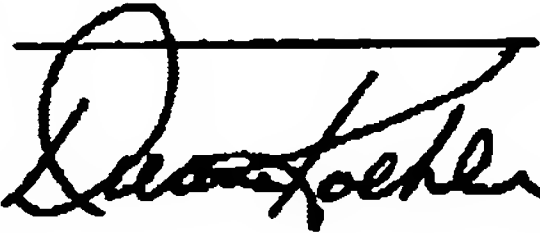
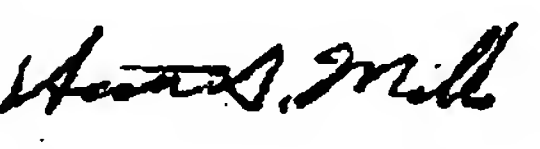


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